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MEMORANDUM FOR: Task Force Leaders
National Urban Search & Rescue Response System

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SUBJECT: Advisory - New York and Washington Terrorist Attack

Situation: A suicide terrorist attack on the United States on September 11, 2001, resulted in the collapse of the north and south towers and other structures of the World Trade Center in New York and fire and structural collapse to the Pentagon. Hundreds of fatalities and thousands of casualties and missing persons are reported.

In the last 24 hours, the President of the United States visited the World Trade Center site, and US&R operations continued to progress. The South Florida US&R Task Force (FL-TF2) is staged at McGuire Air Force Base. The task forces continue to support the City of New York resources in search and rescue operations of affected structures. The national FEMA US&R task forces operational on-site are: CA-TF1, CA-TF6, CA-TF7, IN-TF1, MA-TF1, MO-TF1, OH-TF1, PA-TF1, and the White Incident Support Team-Advance (IST-A). OH-TF1 rescued an uninjured, not trapped individual who was unable to get out of the partially damaged building. Spontaneous volunteers in and around the operational area continue to be an issue.

Victim recovery and removal continues at the Pentagon. The building continues to be shored up to make it safer for emergency workers. Twenty-six of the 36 columns identified for shoring have been shored leaving the remaining 10 as the main priority. The possibility of additional fires still remains a concern until the large roof slab is removed and debris underneath is accessible. MDWEC, MD-TF1 and TN-TF 1 are currently working, with VA-TF1 and VA TF2 rehabbing. The following FEMA US&R assets are currently operating on the Pentagon incident: MD-TF1, TN-TF1, VA-TF1, VA-TF2, and the Red Incident Support Team-Advance (IST-A) in support of the Arlington County Fire and Rescue incident command and is working in support of NTSB, EPA, and DoD.

In addition, three US&R Task Forces are currently Activated awaiting further instructions. These are FL-TF1, TX-TF1, and UT-TF1. In addition, 10 US&R Task Forces are currently Alerted in preparation for possible activation. These are AZ-TF1, CA-TF2, CA-TF3, CA-TF4, CA-TF5, CA-TF8, CO-TF1, NV-TF1, NE-TF1, NM-TF1, and WA-TF1.

Attached to this Advisory is a REVISED (as of 9/15/01 1555 hours) phased deployment Mobilization Schedule. This schedule runs through 5 October 2001 and operations are expected to continue beyond this date. An updated phased deployment Mobilization Schedule will be circulated later. For those task forces on Alert, you will receive an official Activation Notice prior to the date of your deployment; this Advisory does not constitute an Activation Notice for task forces currently on Alert. Travel days are designated with a "T." One additional task force will be assigned to the Pentagon. FEMA will follow this Mobilization Schedule barring changes in circumstances.

Required Action: NONE. Task forces will be contacted individually concerning any change in status. This Advisory does not constitute a change in status for any US&R assets.

cc: FEMA Regional Operations Centers

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| A = ACTIVATION | D = DEMOBILIZATION | L = ALERT |
| G = AUGMENT | S = STANDDOWN | T = TRAVEL |

PENTAGON

| TASK FORCE | MODE | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 |
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| MD-TF1 | Ground | A | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → |
| VA-TF2 | Ground | | A | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → |
| IN-TF1 | Ground | | A | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → | → |
| NM-TF1 | | | L | | | | A | T | → | → | → | → | | | | | | | | | | | |

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